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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF UNION OF BANANA-EXPORTING (UPEB)

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1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS AND PANAMA PLUS OBSERVERS FROM GUATEMALA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, UNCTAD, FAO, SIECA, AND THE EEC MET IN TEGUCIGALPA ON 2 FEBRUARY TO INAUGURATE THE FIRST MEETING OF UPEB COUNTRIES. BENJAMIN VILLANUEVA, PRESIDENT OF THE HONDURAN BANANA CORPORATION (COHBANA), AND JOAQUIN DE POMBE, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN COLOMBIA, WERE ELECTED PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE UPEB PERMANENT COUNCIL. BOTH WILL SERVE FOR SIX MONTHS.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING INDICATE THAT VILLANUEVA SPOKE AS MUCH ABOUT COHBANA AS HE DID ABOUT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF UPEB. WITH REGARD TO THE FORMER, HE STRESSED ITS KEY ROLE IN HELPING HONDURAS TO OBTAIN GREATER ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

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REGARDING THE LATTER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT DECISIONS MADE BY IT

WOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THAT WHICH IS TECHNICALLY  
AND POLITICALLY VIABLE, AND THAT SUCH DECISIONS WOULD NOT BE  
USED FOR PURPOSES OF DEMAGOGUERY OR PROPAGANDA.  
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